on 1-2 May, 2006, he informed that matter is pending with their Higher Economic Council.

LPG connections in Punjab

4061. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the waiting list and clearance position of LPG connections in the country during the past two years till date State-wise particularly State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Selection Board is set up/proposed to be set up for dealership of LPG and petrol outlets; and

(d) if so, the main activities of the Selection Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) The details of Statewise waiting list pertaining to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) as on 1.4.2005, 1.4.2006 and 1.5.2006 are at Statement I (*See* below). The Statewise number of connections released by OMCs during the last two years upto 1.5.2006 are at Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) There is no permanent Selection Board for selection of distributorships/dealerships of LPG and petrol outlets. Based on the broad parameters advised by the Government to OMCs, the latter have framed their guidelines for the selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products, and have been making selections in terms of these guidelines. These guidelines provide for a detailed procedure to be followed by the OMCs in selecting dealers/distributors. The procedure includes selection committees constituted by the OMCs concerned as and when selections are required to be carried out.

Statement-I

Statewise waiting list pertaining to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies as on 1-4-05, 1-4-06 and 1-5-06

Sl. No.	State\UT.	Waiting List		
		As on 1.4.2005	**As on** 1.4.2006	**As on** 1.5.2006
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	85791
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	364
3	Assam	0	0	6410
4	Bihar	0	0	8000
5	Chhatisgarh	0	0	0
6	Gujarat	0	0	0
7	Goa	0	0	0
8	Haryana	0	725	7646
9	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0
12	Karnataka	0	0	3882
13	Kerala	0	42327	54363
14	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0
15	Maharashtra	0	0	0
16	Manipur	0	0	699
17	Meghalaya	0	0	651
18	Mizoram	0	0	226
19	Nagaland	0	0	2415
20	Orissa	0	0	0
21	Punjab	0	0	0
22	Rajasthan	0	0	0

Sl. No.	State\UT.	Waiting List		
		As on 1.4.2005	As on 1.4.2006	As on 1.5.2006
23	Sikkim	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	131	46218
25	Tripura	0	0	1803
26	Uttranchal	0	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	0	518	5146
28	West Bengal	0	2341	1150
29	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0	0
30	Chandigarh	0	0	0
31	Dadra & N.H.	0	0	0
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
33	Delhi	0	0	13674
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
35	Pondicherry	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	0	46042	238438

Statement-II

State-wise connections released by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies during the last two years till 1-5-2006.

Sl.No.	State\UT.	Number of connections released		
		2004-2005	2005-2006	APRIL 2006
1	Andhra Pradesh	730240	504412	24021
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7753	6135	488
3	Assam	161857	170150	7385
4	Bihar	207303	116711	9907
5	Chhatisgarh	94246	83981	9848
6	Gujarat	337613	189524	16178

Sl.No.	State\UT.	Number of connections released		
		2004-2005	2005-2006	APRIL 2006
7	Goa	21539	14843	1138
8	Haryana	230758	121823	10837
9	Himachal Pradesh	78925	43760	5080
10	Jammu & Kashmir	102159	60732	5435
11	Jharkhand	95655	58423	5029
12	Karnataka	483829	257981	19895
13	Kerala	426636	227219	18804
14	Madhya Pradesh	297088	218984	11719
15	Maharashtra	907039	598975	62408
16	Manipur	15702	9436	569
17	Meghalaya	8177	7076	727
18	Mizoram	9647	7091	507
19	Nagaland	14148	7912	586
20	Orissa	166017	77814	5899
21	Punjab	366425	171970	16032
22	Rajasthan	383607	189403	17256
23	Sikkim	10810	5968	0
24	Tamil Nadu	634648	501961	35339
25	Tripura	10900	11939	972
26	Uttranchal	86907	57841	6216
27	Uttar Pradesh	893436	507973	48963
28	West Bengal	327905	207202	22768
29	Andaman & Nicobar	4535	6642	0
30	Chandigarh	13568	10620	688
31	Dadra & N.H.	4854	948	93
32	Daman & Diu	1856	555	83
33.	Delhi	184843	109093	10087
34	Lakshadweep	120	68	0
35	Pondicherry	14697	10856	599
	TOTAL:	7335442	4576021	375556